

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 11, and 12 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended/Clean) A toner for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:

a resin binder; and

not less than 0.1% by weight of an element selected from the group consisting of copper, chromium, iron, zinc, and molybdenum;

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wherein the toner has an isolation ratio of the element of not more than 10% by number, where the isolation ratio of the element is determined by particle emission analysis and defined as 100 times the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element but not exhibiting emission from carbon divided by the sum of the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element but not exhibiting emission from carbon and the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element and exhibiting emission from carbon.

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11. (Amended/Clean) An image forming method comprises the steps of forming an electrostatic image on the surface of a photoreceptor, developing the electrostatic image by a developer to form a toner image, transferring the developed toner image to a recording medium, and fixing the toner image transferred on the recording medium, wherein the toner of claim 1 is used.

12. (Amended/Clean) The toner of claim 1, wherein the isolation ratio of the element is not more than 2.5% by number.

Please add new Claims 14-17:

14. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in form of a pigment, a magnetic powder, or a charge controlling agent.

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15. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a pigment comprising copper phthalocyanine.

16. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a magnetic powder comprising magnetite or ferrite.

17. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a charge controlling agent comprising a chromium azo complex, a chromium salicylic acid complex, a zinc salicylic acid complex, or a molybdenum quaternary ammonium complex.

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